

2016 Virginia BCIA Southwest Bull Test & BCIA-Influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale Report

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The 37th Annual Southwest Virginia Performance Tested Bull Sale sponsored by the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association was held Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Wytheville. The 138 bulls offered sold for an average price of \$3480 per head. Breed averages were as follows: 69 Angus averaged \$3604, 1 Braunvieh at \$2000, 5 Charolais \$3570, 8 Purebred Gelbvieh \$3113, 3 Gelbvieh Balancers \$3367, 13 Hereford \$2662, 13 Purebred Simmental \$3077, and 26 SimAngus \$3927. The BCIA-influenced Virginia Premium Assured Heifer Sale held in conjunction with the bull sale sold 48 fall-calving bred heifers for an average price of \$2040 per head, along with 4 spring-calving bred heifers which averaged \$2600.

The sale was topped by the high-indexing Junior Angus bull, Lot 68, bred by DeHaven Farm of Hillsville, VA and selling to KowPoke Cattle Company of Tazwell, VA for \$9750. This calving ease son of Deer Valley All In posted test YW and ADG ratios of 117 and 132, along with CED EPD +11, YW EPD +123, MB +1.01, RE +0.82, \$W of +75, and \$B of +171. Chimney Top Angus of Gray, TN consigned the high selling Senior Angus bull, Lot 34 which sold to James McConnell of Nickelsville, VA for \$7300. This AAR Ten X 7008 SA son posted EPDs of +117 YW, +1.04 MB, \$64 \$W and +\$176 \$B along with test YW ratio 116. J&M Windy Acres of Maryville, TN was recognized with the top Senior Breeder Group, and a member of that consignment, Lot 47 brought \$6100 and sold to Sam Crockett of Wytheville, VA. Another GAR Prophet son from J&M Windy Acres, Lot 46, was recognized as the top indexing Senior Angus, and commanded \$4200 from Dean Pratt of Draper, VA. This bull had EPDs of +12 CED, and +59 WW, along with \$W of +74 combined with strong individual performance. Lucas Farms of Blacksburg, VA bred the popular Lot 7 Senior Angus, a calving ease son of GAR Prophet which sold to Bundy Farm of Lebanon, VA for \$6000. Lucas Farms were also recognized with the Junior Breeder Group Award for their Junior Angus consignment. Another high-growth son of GAR Prophet, Junior Angus Lot 109 from J&M Windy Acres brought \$5500 and went to Barry Vaughn of Austinville, VA.

The Charolais bulls were paced by Lot 307 from the Virginia Tech Beef Center and brought \$7250 from Rogers Bar HR of Collins, MS. Sired by WC Benelli 2134, this bull had WW and YW EPDs of +63 and +84, along with test YW ratio 112, ADG ratio 117 and REA ratio 111.

The demand was strong for the SimAngus bulls, led by the high indexing Senior bull Lot 452 bred by Hounshell Farms of Wytheville, VA and selling to Johnson Farm Operations of Dobson, NC for \$6000. This high growth and carcass value, homozygous black son of GW Robust 605Z posted a YW EPD +128, MB +0.58 and REA +1.00 along with test ratios of YW 108 and ADG 129. The high-indexing Junior SimAngus was bred by Trio Farms of Luray, VA and sold to Jamie Wyatt of Draper, VA for \$5200. This homozygous black, calving ease son of GAR Sunrise posted CED EPD +15.5, YW +105, along with test ADG ratio of 118. Reasor Simmentals of Rural Retreat, VA ' Lot 441, sold to Riverview Farms Cattle of Louisa, VA for \$5100. Sired by SAV Final Answer 0035, this homozygous black bull had CED EPD +16.1 YW EPD +119, and RE ratio 119. Virginia Tech Beef Center bred Junior SimAngus Lot 475, which sold to Lawrence Tankensley of Duffield, VA for \$5000.

The purebred Simmental bulls were led by Lot 401 from Reasor Simmentals and selling to Larry Davidson of Gate City, VA for \$5200. This fall-born son of MR NLC Upgrade U8676 posted +107

YW EPD, +0.39 MB and +0.89 RE, along with +136 API. The high-indexing Junior Simmental, Lot 425, was consigned by Virginia Tech Beef Center sold to Duggins Farm of Galax, VA for \$3600.

Lot 204, bred by Fields Edge Herefords, Terry and Roger Slusher of Floyd, VA led the Hereford sale and brought \$3800 selling to Valley View Farms of Bland, VA. This September 2015 son of R Visionary 4200 posted CE EPD of +6.9, YW +108, BMI Index \$23, CHB Index \$36, along with test ADG and YW ratios of 127 and 112. Potts Creek Farm of Covington, VA consigned the high selling Junior Hereford, Lot 225, going to Robert Corell of Tazewell, VA for \$3200.

A pair of Senior purebred bulls led the Gelbvieh sale. Lot 605, bred by Handfula Gelbviehs of Bland, VA sold for \$4100 to Randy Oliver of Newport, VA. This homozygous black, homozygous polled son of LWHF Ameritrac had YW EPD of +95, Milk +39 and RE +0.91. Randy Oliver also purchased Lot 601 from Little Windy Hill Farms of Max Meadows, VA for \$4000. This homozygous black, homozygous polled bull was sired by HYEK Black Impact 3960N.

The Braunvieh bull, Lot 702, was consigned by The Cassell Farm of Crockett, VA and sold to J. Randell Eller of Independence, VA.

The BCIA-Influenced Heifer Sale consisted of 48 fall-calving commercial bred heifers, and 4 spring-calving bred heifers. All heifers were designated as Virginia Premium Assured females. Demand was strong and prices steady, as the fall calvers averaged \$2040 and spring-calvers averaged \$2600 per head. The two lots of bred heifers due in April were both consigned by Hillwinds Farm of Dublin, VA and sold to Jerry Allen Bare of West Jefferson, NC for \$2600 each. Virginia Tech Beef Center consigned a lot of four SimAngus females top the fall-calvers, selling for \$2500 to Paul Chambers of Lebanon, VA.

All bulls and heifers were consigned by members of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Bulls were developed at Hillwinds Farm at Dublin, VA owned and operated by Tim Sutphin. The sale was managed by Virginia BCIA and the Virginia Cattlemen's Association, and the auctioneer was Mike Jones.

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